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1. SUMMARY - NINE MAN FRENCH DELEGATION FOR BRUSSELS VISIT FEB 27 - MAR 2 COMPRISES SOME OF BRIGHTEST, MOST INFLUENTIAL LEADERS OF EASTERN FRANCE. ALL HAVE INTEREST AND MOST EXPERIENCE IN EUROPEAN AND ATLANTIC AFFAIRS. GROUP INCLUDES THREE YOUNG DEPUTIES, ONE GAULLIST, ONE CENTRIST AND ONE SOCIALIST: ONE SENATOR WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL CENTER OPPOSITION PARTY FOR ALSACE: THE YOUNGEST UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT IN FRANCE: AND ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL JOURNALISTS OF THE FOUR PRINCIPAL PAPERS OF EASTERN FRANCE WITH A COMBINED CIRCULATION OF ONE MILLION. ALL FOUR ARE GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC TO US. RECOMMEND THAT RECEPTION AND PROGRAM IN BRUSSELS BE GEARED AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL. END SUMMARY.

2. PARTICIPANTS -

JEAN-CHARLES BOURDIER, 31 YEARS OF AGE, CHIEF ECONOMIC JOURNALIST FOR REPUBLICAIN LORRAIN, AND FREQUENT CONTRIBUTOR TO THE DERNIERES NOUVELLES D ALSACE, WHO WRITES OCCASIONALLY FOR LE MONDE. BOURDIER IS AMONG THE MOST PROMINENT ECONOMIC

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COMMENTATORS IN EASTERN FRANCE WHERE HE REACHES AN AUDIENCE

OF WELL OVER A HALF MILLION. HE VISITED THE UNITED STATES
LAST YEAR AS A LEADER GRANTEE.

JEAN-CLAUDE BURCKEL - 37 YEARS OF AGE, GAULLIST DEPUTY FROM
STRASBOURG SINCE MARCH 1973. BURCKEL WAS EARLIER THE SENIOR
CAREER OFFICIAL OF THE STRASBOURG URBAN COMMUNITY AND IN THE
CABINET OF FRENCH MINISTER ANDRE BORD. HIS INTERESTS AND
EXPERIENCE TO DATE HAVE CENTERED LARGELY ON URBAN AFFAIRS,
YOUTH, AND PROBLEMS OF THE HANDICAPPED. HE IS A SERIOUS
LEGISLATOR AND ADMINISTRATOR. BURCKEL WILL BE ACCOMPANIED
BY HIS WIFE, WHO IS NOT HOWEVER A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION
AND WILL MAKE HER OWN PLANS IN BRUSSELS.

JEAN-MARIE CARO - 44 YEARS OF AGE, CENTRIST DEPUTY, HAS BEEN
DESCRIBED BY THE PRESS AS THE KENNEDY OF FRENCH POLITICS.
SINCE HIS ELECTION LAST MARCH, CARO HAS RECEIVED EXTENSIVE
NATIONAL ATTENTION AND BECOME NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
STRONGLY ATLANTIC AND EUROPEAN CENTER DEMOCRATIC PARTY.
CARO S PARTY REMAINS IN OPPOSITION, BUT WOULD BE THE FIRST
TO RALLY IN ANY FURTHER FRENCH OPENING TO THE CENTER, WHEN HE
WOULD BECOME IMMINENTLY MINISTRABLE. BEFORE ENTERING
POLITICAL LIFE, CARO WORKED 15 YEARS ON THE STAFF OF THE
COUNCIL OF EUROPE WHERE HE DEVELOPPED A FIRM GROUNDING IN
THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED IN BRUSSELS. HE IS ON THE
FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
AND HOPES TO JOIN THE FRENCH DELEGATION TO EITHER THE
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT OR CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY.

PAUL FEUERMANN - 32 YEARS OF AGE, CHIEF POLITICAL JOURNALIST
OF "L'ALSACE", CIRCULATION 160,000. FEUERMANN COVERS
INTERNATIONAL AS WELL AS DOMESTIC POLITICS AND RECENTLY
RETURNED FROM AN ORIENTATION TOUR TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

RAYMOND FORNI - 32 YEARS OF AGE, YOUNGEST SOCIALIST DEPUTY
IN THE FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND PRACTICING LAWYER IN THE
CITY OF BELFORT. FORNI IS A TRUE HORATIO ALGER OF FRENCH
POLITICS. SON OF TINSMITH AND HOUSEMAID, HE WORKED HIS WAY
THROUGH STRASBOURG LAW SCHOOL ON A PEUGEOT ASSEMBLY LINE
PRIOR TO HIS ELECTION LAST MARCH. IN SPITE OF HIS LIMITED
INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE, FORNI IS ON THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY , AND A MEMBER OF THE
FRENCH PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND
THE WEU. HE WILL VISIT THE US IN HIS LATTER CAPACITY THIS
SPRING. THE FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY IS STRONGLY EUROPEAN,
BUT AGAINST BOTH NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT, BOTH OF WHICH
THEY HOPE WILL DISAPPEAR SIMULTANEOUSLY WHEN THE TIME IS
RIPE.

CHARLES LAPREVOTE - 41 YEARS OF AGE , IS THE TOP JOURNALIST
ON EUROPEAN AND ATLANTIC QUESTIONS OF THE EST REPUBLICAIN, THE
LARGEST PAPER IN EASTERN FRANCE WITH A CIRCULATION OF OVER
300,000. LAPREVOTE STUDIED LAW AND ECONOMICS PRIOR TO
JOINING THE EST REPUBLICAIN 16 YEARS AGO. HE IS AN EXPERIENCED

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4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS - IN PRINCIPAL ENTIRE
DELEGATION PLUS MRS. BURCKEL WILL ARRIVE BRUSSELS FEBRUARY 27
AT 18.57 ON TEE. ALL EXCEPT SCHIELE WILL DEPART SATURDAY MARCH
2 BY TRAIN LEAVING AT 8.19. SCHIELE MUST LEAVE ON SABENA 787
TO BALE FRIDAY MARCH 1 AT 17.40 DUE TO PRIOR POLITICAL
COMMITMENTS. HE WILL THUS MISS THE LAST SEGMENT OF EC PROGRAM.

5. WE HOPE LUNCHEES AT NATO AND COMMUNITIES CAN BE ARRANGED
AS SUGGESTED BY HOFFMAN AND RADDAY. WILL OTHER SOCIAL
ENGAGEMENTS NORMALLY BE SCHEDULED OR WILL DELEGATES HAVE EVENING
FREE?

6. DELEGATION WILL REQUIRE 9 SINGLES AND ONE DOUBLE, HOPE-
FULLY AT FIRST CLASS HOTEL. PLEASE ADVISE NAME, ADDRESS AND
TELEPHONE NUMBER OF HOTEL WHERE DELEGATES WILL LODGED.

7. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING TWELVE COPIES EACH OF
AVAILABLE BOOKLETS OR BRIEFING MATERIAL RELATED TO VISIT FOR
DISTRIBUTION TO DELEGATION IN ADVANCE OF DEPARTURE. WOODS

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